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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH  
Serial no. : 09/889,326  
Filed : with an effective filing date of January 7, 2000  
For : METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY  
Group Art Unit : DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-OLIGOMER  
Examiner : HYBRIDISATION EVENTS  
Docket : 1634  
Arun K. Chakrabarti  
PATKRI P02AUS

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed November 25, 2002, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 56-126, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 127-197 as follows.